

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 19 and 29-31 are pending in the application, with claim 19 being the independent claim. Claims 20-22 and 32-34 are cancelled herein and 1-18 and 23-28 remain cancelled, all without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. No new claims are sought to be added.

Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, for example, on p. 2, ¶22 and p. 5, ¶56. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 19-22 and 29-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter because they are "use claims." Solely to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended the claims into method claims. It is respectfully requested that the § 101 rejections be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 19-22 and 29-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Solely to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended the claims into method format and recited actions to practice the method. It is respectfully requested that the § 112, second paragraph, rejections be withdrawn.

Other Matters

Applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the fact that this reply is being filed simultaneously with a petition to revive this application. Applicants respectfully request that once the application is revived this Amendment and Reply be entered.

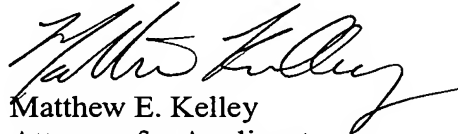
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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